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INVALID LIFTING DEVICE

**STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES
UNDER 37 CFR §1.173(c)**

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.173(c), the status of the claims is as follows:

As of the date of the accompanying Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 7-14 are hereby cancelled, and no new claims have been added.

Applicants believe that claims 7-14 read on U.S. 5,423,562 to Pearce, Jr. This reference was brought to applicants' attention by a December 16, 2002 Official Action from the Australian Patent Office. The reference was examined by applicants' European patent counsel in January 2003 and forwarded to the applicants. On February 25, 2003, applicants authorized the European patent counsel to amend the present patent.

Applicants believe that claim 1 of the present patent does not read on Pearce, Jr. because claim 1